IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Attorney Docket No. 00-388-A)

In re the Application of:)
Nolan et al.) Examiner: Layla Soroush
Application No.: 09/851,743) Group Art Unit: 1617
Filing Date: May 9, 2001)
For: Methods for Testing Compounds)
Useful In Treating Diabetic)
Complications)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2007. The response will thus be due on August 8, 2007.

By the signature of the undersigned, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

If Examiner Soroush believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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